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SUBJECT:CAMPAIGN DEVELOPMENTS: ASHER YADLIN TO GIVE NEW TESTIMONY;  
EBAN UNDER CLOUD; HERUT FUND UNDER INVESTIGATION

1. FORMER LABOR PARTY LEADER ASHER YADLIN, SENTENCED  
IN FEBRUARY TO FIVE YEARS FOR FRAUD AND RECEIVING  
BRIBES (TEL AVIV 1255), IS EXPECTED TO GIVE TESTIMONY  
MAY 11 IN THE POLICE INVESTIGATION OF THE MORDECHAI  
ELISON CASE. ELISON, FORMER DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF A  
SUBSIDIARY OF SOLEL BONEH, THE HISTADRUT CONTRACTING  
COMPANY, IS ACCUSED OF GIVING YADLIN'S SISTER A  
IL 30,000 BRIBE TO DIRECT HER BROTHER'S BUSINESS TO  
ELISON'S FIRM. LABOR LEADERS FEAR THAT YADLIN'S  
TESTIMONY WILL COVER (AND UNCOVER) A WIDE RANGE OF  
TRANSACTIONS CONNECTED WITH LABOR PARTY FINANCING  
AND POSSIBLY REACHING HIGHEST LEVELS IN PARTY.

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2. ANOTHER EMBARRASSMENT TO THE ALIGNMENT, ABBA  
EBAN'S QUESTIONABLE BANK ACCOUNTS, CONTINUES TO  
SIMMER WITH NO RESOLUTION EXPECTED BEFORE  
ELECTION DAY. TREASURY OFFICIALS ARE CONTINUING  
THEIR INVESTIGATION INTO TRANSACTIONS WHICH MAY  
HAVE EXCEEDED THE TERMS OF A PERMIT EBAN CLAIMS

HE HAD, BUT HAS STILL FAILED TO PRODUCE. HOWEVER, EBAN CAN DERIVE SOME ENCOURAGEMENT FROM A PORI POLL PUBLISHED LAST WEEK (NO DATE GIVEN FOR THE SURVEY) WHICH PUT HIM IN FIRST PLACE AS THE RESPONDENTS' CHOICE FOR FOREIGN MINISTER; HE RECEIVED 37.9 PERCENT OF THE VOTE, WHILE RUNNER-UP YIGAL ALLON DREW 16 PERCENT. (COMMENT: EBAN CONTINUES TO CAMPAIGN FOR THE ALIGNMENT BUT THE INVESTIGATION JEOPARDIZES HIS HOLD ON A FUTURE CABINET POST; A COURT CASE COULD KILL IT.)

3. MEANWHILE, THE ALIGNMENT'S MAIN OPPOSITION IS ALSO RECEIVING ITS SHARE OF BAD PUBLICITY. HERUT'S TEL HAI FUND, THE MAIN INSTRUMENT FOR FINANCING THE PARTY'S ACTIVITIES, IS BEING SUED FOR ALLEGEDLY ATTEMPTING TO PAY A CREDITOR IN DOLLAR CHECKS DRAWN ON THE UTO BANK OF ZURICH. THE SUIT CLAIMS THE CHECKS HAD NO COVER. THE TREASURY HAS BEGUN AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE MATTER FOR POSSIBLE FOREIGN CURRENCY VIOLATIONS BY HERUT.

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